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1. REF (A) ARRIVED AS WE WERE PREPARING LETTER TO
CU/ARTS ON MOORE SITUATION. DONALD MOORE HAS DISAPPEARED
LEAVING IN HIS WAKE SEVERAL DEBTORS. ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE
HIM OR MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY HAVE FAILED. A PROMINENTLY
PLACED PHOTOGRAPH APPEARED RECENTLY IN A LOCAL PAPER SHOWING
MOORE'S VAN BEING HAULED AWAY BY POLICE AFTER SEVERAL
TRAFFIC TICKETS WERE PUT ON IT. HIS APARTMENT IS EMPTY.
HIS SMALL OFFICE STAFF HAS BEEN DISBANDED.

2. DONALD MOORE'S DISAPPEARANCE WAS THE DIRECT RESULT OF
RECENT EVENTS. HE SPONSORED VISIT OF SPANISH CIRCUS HERE
AND WHEN TICKET SALES DIDN'T MEET HIS EXPECTATIONS,
OR HIS EXPENSES, HE PLACED FULL-PAGE AD IN LOCAL PAPER
PLEADING FOR SUPPORT. HE SAID, IN THE AD, THAT IF SUPPORT
NOT FORTHCOMING HE WAS FINISHED. WE MET HIM MORNING AD
APPEARED AND HE GAVE US AN EMBITTERED DESCRIPTION OF
SINGAPOREANS, DESCRIBING THEM AS "PEASANTS" AND SAID
EMPHATICALLY THAT HE WAS FINISHED IF TICKET SALES
FOR THE CIRCUS DIDN'T INCREASE. THEY OBVIOUSLY DIDN'T.
TODAY'S PAPER REPORTS RESULT OF LEGAL ACTION AGAINST
CIRCUS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF HOTEL BILL WITH
CIRCUS TAKEN OFF THE HOOK. NEWSPAPER REPORTS SAY MOORE
OWES CIRCUS S\$185,000 (US\$75,000). WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS
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ANYONE'S GUESS. NEWSPAPER REPORTER DOING BACKGROUND

STORY ON MOORE HAS UNCOVERED MANY LONG-STANDING DEBTS.

3. WE WILL KEEP CU/ARTS INFORMED OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS, BUT GIVEN SITUATION, DOUBTFUL MOORE WILL RETURN TO SINGAPORE, AT LEAST IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

4. REF (B) IS GOOD DESCRIPTION OF OUR VIEWS ON MOORE'S ABILITIES AS IMPRESSARIO. WHILE WE ALWAYS QUESTIONED HIS ADMINISTRATIVE AND ORGANIZATIONAL ABILITIES, WE ARE SURPRISED AT HIS COMPLETE COLLAPSE.
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